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1. [] Chinese Communist authorities maintained tight control over the actions and thoughts of the people in Shanghai through various lane (11/6849)¹ and alley (lung/1702) organizations, including the following:
 - a. A Residents' Committee elected two delegates to attend meetings called by the district government; these delegates brought instructions from the district back to the residents' committee.
 - b. A Committee for the Suppression of Reactionaries (5126/0646/1201/0765/2585) was charged with watching for any signs of enemy agents infiltrating into the neighborhood.
 - c. Propaganda Group
 - d. A Cleaning Group was responsible for cleaning the lane and alley and for holding periodic inspections of each house. If every house was found to be clean, the lane was awarded a red flag by the district government and given a citation.
 - e. A Security Group inspected any package brought into the lane or alley by a stranger in order to prevent subversive material from entering the area.
 - f. A Housewives Association was charged with mediating family disputes in the lane. If this mediation attempt proved unsuccessful, the dispute then was taken to the People's Court.
 - g. A Literacy Class had the better-educated housewives teach the illiterate housewives to read and write in their spare time.
 - h. A Newspaper Reading Group consisted of ten men with a leader who led joint newspaper reading sessions and directed specific topic discussions.

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2. Each lane and alley also had a blackboard news bulletin which residents were supposed to read daily in order to keep informed on local news. A suggestion box was used by residents to collect opinions and to call small group discussions.

3. Each family [] was required to save at least JMP 10,000 per month, which could be withdrawn in part or in whole from the bank after six months. Those who earned higher incomes were required to save according to their financial status.

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1. [] Comment. The term, li, probably refers to an urban residential sub-division connected to the main street by an alley and may be translated as terrace.

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